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I am writing to call attention to and to reiterate the concerns addressed by the following suggested amendments to HB5602.

- Diseased should be replaced with hazardous as defined in the statute (16-234). A diseased tree is not necessarily a hazardous tree.
- Due process or a right of appeal should be included. A property owner should be able to hire an arborist for a second opinion and if the opinions do not agree an opportunity for resolution should exist.
- The notice should have a time limitation. There is no time limitation placed on the arborist's assessment so a new owner of the property could be unknowingly liable.

We believe that a tree owner may be intimidated into removing a healthy, structurally sound tree that provides environmental benefits to the community if these concerns are not addressed.

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